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# BORDER CRISIS STARTLING STATS

"In my experience, we have seen increases when there are no consequences [for illegally entering the country.]"

Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz, July 28, 2022

AUGUST 2022 ENCOUNTERS

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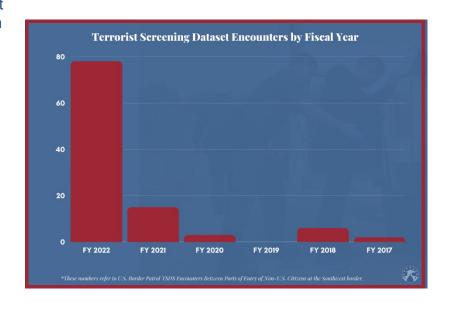
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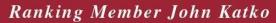
AUGUST 2020 ENCOUNTERS

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- August was the 18th straight month with more than 150,000 encounters a trend never before recorded.
- For the <u>first time in history</u>, migrant encounters at the Southwest border have surpassed 2 million in a single fiscal year (FY22), with one month remaining
  - This does not include the number of known gotaways who evaded U.S. Border Patrol this year, which DHS sources say is well over 500,000.
- CBP had **203,597 migrant encounters** along the southwest border in August 2022, including 140,210 single adults, 51,725 family units, and 11,365 unaccompanied minors.
  - o About 7 in 10 migrants encountered at the Southwest border were single adults.
- Since President Biden has been in office, there have been nearly **3.6 migrant** encounters at the Southwest border, in addition to over 900,000 known gotaways who evaded U.S. Border Patrol agents.
- 11 months into Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, CBP has already had a **total of 2,493,721 nationwide total encounters**.
- CBP **expelled only 36% of individuals** under Title 42 in August 2022, again highlighting the Biden administration's refusal to fully utilize the public health authority.
  - Border Patrol agents are being left to manage an impossible situation

     the few tools that they had at their disposal to help, such as
     "Remain in Mexico" and Title 42, were ripped away.
- As of August 31st, 78 people whose names appear on the Terrorist Screening Dataset (TSDS) were stopped trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border between ports of entry this year.
  - This is **triple** the number of terrorist encounters from the last
     **5 years combined**.







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#### Loss of Human Lives are the Price of Biden's Border Crisis

- According to DHS information, nearly 750 migrants have died crossing the Southwest border illegally this fiscal year, a record that surpasses last year's total by more than 200 people.
  - The <u>Eagle Pass</u>, <u>Texas fire chief said</u> his team used to find 1 or 2 bodies a month. Now they recover a body <u>every day</u>.
  - On August 22, as their parents attempted to cross the rough waters of the Rio Grande, two toddlers died in separate drowning incidents.
- The DEA issued an <u>official notice warning Americans</u> of the alarming emerging trend of colorful fentanyl being smuggled into the country, saying the cartels are using it to appeal to children.
  - According to the CDC, 107,622 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2021, with 66 percent of those deaths related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.
  - Drug poisonings are the leading killer of Americans between the ages of 18 and 45.
  - Fentanyl available in the United States is primarily supplied by two criminal drug networks, the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG).
- The safety of children takes a back seat to the Biden administration's desperate attempt to gain political points by leaving the Southwest border unsecure.
  - Rio Grande Valley agents arrested 11 people identified as members of MS-13, 18th St. and Paisas gangs the week of August 26. Two additional migrants were identified as registered sex offenders previously convicted for sexual crimes against children.
  - In an interview, a Central American human trafficker said that cartels are harvesting children's organs and stuffing drugs in their corpses as part of their illicit and profitable cross-border operations.

#### **Smugglers are Bold & Aggressive**

- On August 23, three migrants assaulted Government of Mexico officials & then tried to illegally cross the border in an attempt to flee.
- On August 21, near Imperial Beach, CA, <u>two human smugglers got aggressive with Border Patrol agents</u> who were attempting to arrest them after they had illegally crossed the border.
- In New Mexico, Border Patrol agents <u>arrested three migrants who were wearing ghillie suits</u> to blend into the terrain as they snuck through the desert.

#### President Biden: Making the Cartels & Traffickers Richer Since January 2021

- In August 2022, CBP seized 46.4K pounds of drugs.
  - Cocaine seizures increased by 193% from July 2022 to August 2022.
- Fentanyl seizures increased by 6% from July 2022 to August 2022.
  - Over 2,200 pounds of fentanyl was seized last month—the highest monthly seizure in at least the last four fiscal years.
- CBP has seized enough fentanyl so far, this fiscal year to kill almost 2.9 billion people, over eight times the U.S. population.
- In August, Border Patrol agents in the Tucson Sector seize \$4.3 million worth of fentanyl.
- In one week, <u>over one million fentanyl pills were seized</u> by Border Patrol agents at the port of entry in Nogales, AZ.